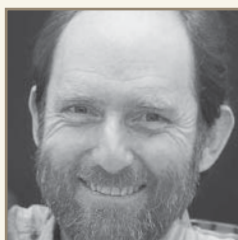


BROKENWOOD



2013 BROKENWOOD GRAVEYARD VINEYARD SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: Iain Riggs
REGION: Hunter Valley
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 18 months, 100% French oak (40% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 7.0 | pH: 3.35

BACKGROUND:

The jewel in Brokenwood's crown is the Graveyard Vineyard with its heavy clay soils producing low yields and intense flavors. First planted in 1968 using cuttings from mature vineyards in the area, the Graveyard vineyard was originally designated as a 19th century cemetery, although it was never used as such.

WINEMAKING:

All hand picked fruit and processing started with a four-day cold soak followed by a four to five-day fermentation. Three ton open fermenters were used enabling hand plunging twice per day. The wine was pressed off and run to oak and the malolactic fermentation took place in barrel. The wine matured in 100% French oak (40% new) including 10% larger format (300L) puncheons.

TASTING NOTES:

Sound fruit and excellent ripeness. Typical mid density color meaning this is an elegant supple Graveyard Shiraz. The older, large format French oak integrates perfectly with sweetness and fine tannins. The fruit spectrum for Graveyard Shiraz is about red cherries and almost Pinot-like Campari notes. Medium bodied palate but with ripe tannins and a juicy acidity that will keep the wine in good stead for many years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 97 pts Australian Wine Companion, 94 pts Vinous, 92+ pts The Wine Advocate, 91 pts - Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT BROKENWOOD:

A benchmark Australian winery founded in 1970 by Sydney trio Tony Albert, John Beeston and Australia's leading wine critic, James Halliday, Brokenwood evolved from a weekend venture for these self-professed hobby winemakers into one of Australia's most reputable wine labels. With the appointment of winemaker, Iain Riggs, in 1982, the company extended its range to include the jewel of the Hunter Valley, Semillon and is known for producing one of the nation's most iconic single vineyard wines, The Graveyard Shiraz.



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